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65th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at the U of M Crookston

*By Itollefts on Tuesday, February 18, 2014* Students will have the opportunity to showcase their science projects and compete at the 65th Annual Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair to be hosted at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The science fair slated for Saturday, March 1, 2014, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center is for students in the Western Minnesota Region which includes the counties of Big Stone, Becker, Clay, Grant, Mahnomen, Norman, Otter Tail, Polk, Traverse and Wilkins. Entries and required forms for projects must be postmarked by Monday, February 17, 2014. Papers must be postmarked absolutely no later than Monday, February 24, 2014. Mail forms/papers to Western MN Regional Science Fair, c/o Katy Nannenga, University of Minnesota Crookston, 2900 University Ave., Crookston, Minn., 56716. All forms, fee information, and additional details about the science fair are available at [www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair](http://www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair). Registration and project set-up begin at 8 a.m. the day of the competition with judging at 10 a.m. The public is invited to view the projects from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The event culminates with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. The regional science fairs are a learning opportunity for students in middle school or high school interested in science, technology, engineering and math. They also provide selected students the chance to compete for prizes at the State Science & Engineering Fair in March. The science fairs are a chance for participants to present and to engage in dialogue about their research. Evaluation is based on four criteria: the process of science; effectiveness of communication; context of the project and their scope of understanding ([www.mnmas.org](http://www.mnmas.org)). Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

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